

Folks: It has been brought to my attention that lobbyists are attempting to limit XM radio in its content provided to what I assume are millions of listeners. I look at XM as wonderful entertainment for those of us in settings that are not particularly able to reach certain types of radio that they want to listen to. I also look at the abilities of XM as a potential emergency site that could be one of the most effective outlets in a national emergency. Being able to pick up signal from a satellite is very different than tower reception. In the state of a severe national emergency, such as a terrorist attack, when all power is devastated and so are our usual news outlets, XM being powered by low voltage, could be a savior in the scheme of disasters.

I urge the FCC to consider the possibilities and allow free enterprise to develop quality entertainment that can also serve the public with national news and regional information should some catastrophe occur. In our area of NE North Carolina, we experienced power outages for over 5 days. Our local radio could only be on so much due to power limitations. If I had been an XM subscriber and user at the time, our entire neighborhood could have listened to our XM unit to find out what was going on the US during this time of disaster. Please consider the possibilities when considering the limitations of this new technology. It is valuable to us as citizens of choice and as citizens of need in times of emergency.

Sincerely,

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